

REMARKS

The drawing corrections requested by the Examiner to eliminate the handwriting in all drawing figures have been provided in the attached Replacement Sheet Drawings.

The Examiner rejected claims 55, 56, 58, 72, 80, 82 and 96 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The various points of indefinite claim language noted by the Examiner have been corrected. With respect to claims 55 and 80 note substitute specification page 12, line 24 for support.

The Examiner indicated that claims 61-62 and 85-86 are allowable if written in independent form. This has been done.

The Examiner rejected claims 50-53, 55, 72, 75-78, 80 and 96 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Tungate. Claims 59-60, 83-84 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over Tungate in view of Ogasawara. Claims 54, 56-58, 79 and 81-82 are rejected under U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over Tungate in view of Nonaka et al.

Claim 50 as amended clearly distinguishes over Tungate at least by reciting that for said regeneration process not only is there a charge image generated on a photoconductor which is developed and then removed by a cleaning device without being transfer printed onto a recording medium, but also during that same regeneration process new toner is introduced into the developer station. Tungate makes no mention in his regeneration process to introduce new toner during the regeneration process. By introducing new toner during the same regeneration process, the used up toner is immediately replaced with fresh toner. But this feature

and advantage is nowhere discussed or suggested in Tungate. The same is true of any of secondary references cited by the Examiner.


Dependent claims 51-60 and 62 are allowable at least for the reasons claim 50 is allowable and also by reciting additional features not suggested.

Independent claim 75 is allowable for the reasons noted with respect to claim 50.

Dependent claims 76-84 are allowable at least for the reasons noted with respect to claim 75 and also by reciting additional features not suggested.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519.

Respectfully submitted
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